

CITY NEWS.

ARIZONA.

The First Territorial Election—Campaign Against the Apaches—The Mining Interests.

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THE INGENUOUS FIRMS.—The military authorities and the police are acting together for the detection of the persons concerned in the plot to fire this city, and are doing all in their power to unravel the mystery. A military commission is now in session, taking testimony in regard to the plot, but as it would defeat the purpose in view to make known anything connected with the proceedings of that body, information is withheld. To publish even the name of a witness would notify persons who knew what information he would give, and thus enable them to take precautions for their own security. It is, however, quite safe to say, that they are of the same class of persons as the St. Albans and Detroit robbers, and that many of them are now in concealment in Canada.

4 TOBACCO CONVENTION.—A convention of the tobacco, cigar, and snuff manufacturers, and others in the trade, will be held at Cooper Institute, on the 7th inst., at 10 a. m., to consider the question of amending the revenue laws relating to the tobacco interest.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND COSTS AGAINST THE GREAT EASTERN.—The backers of the Great Ship Company have appealed from the decision in favor of Mr. Towle, and at the same time are reluctantly returned, after having been out about three months, having accomplished nothing. He lost two men, and neither killed nor captured a single Indian.

The recent campaign against the Apaches have been unsuccessful. One under command of Lieutenant W. Woolsey was composed of about one hundred men—miners and mountaineers—has recently returned, after having been out about three months, having accomplished nothing. He lost two men, and neither killed nor captured a single Indian.

The unsuccessful demonstrations of the past summer have only tended to embolden the Indians, and now we are in more danger from their attacks and ambuscades, than at any time during the past year.

The mounting about us are full of them, and they are seen on every trail and road leading from our capital. Almost daily, they make a descent upon the stock, and stampede it open daylight. The Indian question is one of great difficulty. Most of the miners are in favor of extermination, but that is not easily accomplished, for they are so well acquainted with the country that all attempts to pursue the are entirely futile. Only occasionally can a rancheria be surprised and destroyed.

A former letter published in your paper, spoke unfavorably of the Mining interest at present, and gave no encouragement to emigration. To this opinion, the editor of *The Arizona Miner* takes exception, and denounces the writer of said letter as a "scribbler, &c."

It may be remarked, and truly, that the writer of said letter has not so much capital invested in fort or town lots as the editor of *The Miner*, and can therefore afford to speak of things as he sees them; and as I really are.

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.—The regular meeting of this Commission was held yesterday afternoon. President Draper was in the chair. A letter was received from Dr. Sloan, Medical Director of the Department of the East, in which he informs the Commissioners that the soldiers now in Hospital at New-Haven's Island, could be transferred to the Government hospitals, and ransoming the officers of the Commission for their kindness to the sick soldiers. The receipts amount to \$2,571.48, including \$1,517.25 for board of U. S. prisoners, and \$229 for board of lunatics. The following is the semi-monthly statement: Number remaining Nov. 19, 1864, 6,968 admitted, 1,175 died, 45 discharged, 822 sent to Blockwall's Island, 182 numbered receiving Dec. 1, 1864, 6,664; increase, 30; Bellevue Hospital, 345; Lunatic Asylum, 159; Adams-House, 1,435; Recreant, 220.

1. THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF AGED AND INDIGENT FEMALES.—The fifty-first anniversary of this Society was held yesterday at the asylum in Twentieth-st., near Third-ave. Rev. Dr. Somers in the chair. After prayer by the Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Durkee read the annual report, from which it appears that the receipts during the year amounted to \$35,363.37, including \$8,900 balance from last year, \$1,162.00 subscriptions, \$1,000 in donations, \$1,260.00 in receipts from Friends, \$4,275 in expenses, \$1,000 in expenses for the Poor, \$1,000 in expenses. The disbursements amounted to \$32,640, including \$5,164.00 invested in bonds and mortgages, \$827.94 for taxes and the balance for sundry expenses for the maintenance of the Institution. The report further states that the value of quartz ledges cannot be determined by an examination of the surface rock. As yet, only a few masters have been put in operation for the crushing of surface rock. The results have in most instances been favorable. There are hundreds of ledges that prospect surface rock as favorable as those upon which work has been done. But for the present they are not only unexamined, but wholly unproductive.

As to placer mines they are of no importance, so far as discovered; consequently but little gold is being produced in the Territory.

And while the Indians remain hostile and unsubdued, it will be impossible to prospect and work any places that may be discovered.

While this condition of things remains there is nothing to invite immigration into the country.

At probabilities that some time hence the mines of the Territory will be the richest on the continent, it can be inferred that it will come here and wait from three to seven years, there will be rare opportunities in all probability. Or if men have capital to invest, and are willing to go at work here, they are invited even by the present condition of things.

But in honesty and good faith, with a knowledge of the country, I again say to those of small means, do come here for the present, for the soil promises nothing to subside upon, and the mines at present yield but little wherewithal to purchase, at the present extremely high prices, the which is right throughout the country.

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